Bylaws of the Board

Filling Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Education shall be filled as soon as practical, by the appointment of a competent and qualified person for the unexpired portion of term. It is traditional, but not obligatory, that vacancies be filled by a person of the same political affiliation as the member creating the vacancy. The same political party as the departing member shall be asked for recommendations and the citizens of Colchester will be notified, by the Superintendent putting an announcement in the local papers, informing them of their right to nominate themselves. The nominees will also make themselves available for interviews at the meeting at which they are nominated. The fioa1 decision rests with the Board of Education when the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of members present of the Board of Education and the action shall be recorded in the· minutes of that meeting.

This appointee shall serve until the next regular election of the Board. At this election, the electors shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

9-204 Minority representation on boards of education

10-219 Procedure for filling vacancy on board of education

10-156e Employees of boards of education permitted to serve as elected officials: exception

10-232 Restriction on employment of members of the board of education

Town of Colchester, Charter an Ordinances, July 1, 1995, 602 Section. The Board of Education, Succession and Vacancies

Colchester Public Schools

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BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

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Replaces Existing Policy (CABE model policy)

1. If a vacancy occurs on the Colchester Board of Education (the "Board"), the remaining members of the Board shall fill such vacancy at a meeting or a special meeting convened for that purpose. Pursuant to Town Charter requirements, the vacancy must be filled by a Colchester resident who is a member of the same party.

2. A member resigning from the Board should present, or have presented, a written letter of resignation to the Board Chair or at a regular meeting of the Board. Having accepted a letter of resignation, or having become aware of a vacancy created by means other than the resignation of a Board member, the Board will schedule the election of a replacement at the next regular Board meeting or at a special meeting convened for such purpose.

3. The Superintendent will advertise the vacancy and application process in the local newspaper. All applications will be submitted to the office of the First Selectman.

4. Said election, made by the majority of the Board and recorded in the minutes of that meeting, shall be in effect until the next regular Town election, at which a successor shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term. The official ballot shall specify the vacancy to be filled.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-219 Procedures for filling vacancy on local board of education

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